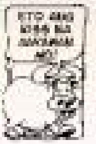
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Erap scolds Maceda; LP warns of 'GMA option'



By P.C. Tubeza and C.V. Esguerra

BE CAREFUL WHAT you wish for.

Former President Joseph Estrada yesterday said he scolded former Sen. Ernesto

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Bro. Eddie, Erap ask Comelec: Postpone polls

By Kristine L. Alave, Leila B. Salaverria and Norman Bordadora

BANGON PILIPINAS PRESIDENTIAL candidate Bro. Eduardo "Eddie" Villanueva has asked the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to postpone the May 10 polls by 15 days so that it could fix all the glitches in the automated election system.

In a seven-page petition, Villanueva said the Comelec could use the period to

BRO. EDDIE A8

Binay ties Roxas; Aquino pulls away

Legarda rating dives 12 points in SWS survey

By Christian Esguerra, Philip C. Tubeza and Inquirer Research

TYING SEN. MAR ROXas in the vice presidential race just days before the elections, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay said last night that he would overtake Roxas on May 10.

"I expect my rating to go higher. It only shows that I'm bound to win," Binay told the Inquirer when asked about results of the latest survey by Social Weather Stations (SWS) showing that he and Roxas were tied in the No. 1 spot.

In the SWS survey of 2,400 voters from May 2 to 3, support for Binay jumped 12 points, from 25 percent in April to 37 percent. Roxas' rating fell two points, from 39 to 37 percent.

Sen. Loren Legarda suffered a 12-point plunge, from 20 to 32 percent. The rating of Bayani Fernando, former Metropolitan Manila Development Authority chair, went up from 2.5 to 4 percent.

The full report on the latest SWS poll will appear today in BusinessWorld, which has first printing rights to the survey.

In the presidential race, the survey showed Liberal Party standard-bearer Sen. Benigno

BINAY A20

Palace: No meetings for 'No-El,' only on security

By TJ Burgonio

THE "NO-ELECTION" SCEnario was never on the palace menu.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has been meeting with top security officials because of her concern about unrest arising from the May 10 polls. A failure of elections was never discussed in any of the meetings, Malacañang claimed yesterday.

"This whole idea of 'no elections' is, just to quote the cardinal, 'crazy, crazy, crazy and irresponsible,'" Secretary Ricardo Saludo, Ms Arroyo's spokesperson, said in a briefing. (He was quoting Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales' remarks early this week to a warning of "people power," by

PALACE A8

'Wowowee' without Willie; he threatens to quit unless…

By Marinel R. Cruz

TV HOST WILLIE REVILLAME has been absent from his blockbuster noontime game show for two straight days since he threatened to resign unless his bosses fired one of his "detractors."

During the May 4 episode of "Wowowee," Revillame announced that he would quit hosting the program if ABS-CBN management did not fire Jobert Sucaldito, an entertainment columnist, radio show host, commentator, and segment

'WOWOWEE' A33



CRASH COURSE A science teacher reviews the manual for a precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machine during a trial run on Monday at Marikina High School. The device registered "thermal paper error" 20 times, forcing her and other members of the board of election inspectors to ask for a replacement. Question is, will it arrive in time for Monday's historic automated polls? Talk about techno-stress.

New PCOS test results 'perfect'

By Kristine L. Alave

"IT SEEMS THAT OUR prayers have been answered."

And Comelec Chair Jose Melo is smiling again.

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) yesterday announced that the testing and sealing of voting machines had resumed two days after the process was halted and that the results were "perfect."

Melo told a news conference that field reports showed that the precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines to be used in the country's first automated elections on Monday were giving a 100-percent accurate

NEW PCOS A20

If machines fail, teachers not ready for manual

By Julie Alipala, Inquirer Mindanao and TJ Burgonio in Manila

TEACHERS MANNING PRECINCTS on Election Day will be at a loss on what to do in case the precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines will do not function properly.

The teachers are not prepared for manual counting, Alebaide Bruno, secretary general of the Teachers in the Philippine Public Service (TOPPS).

Bruno said one of the hindrances to manual voting is the clustering of precincts. A clustered precinct could have up to a thousand voters.

Manual elections would only be possible if the Commission on Elections (Comelec) restores the original number of precincts, which is quite impossible at this time, he said.

"Definitely we cannot handle the clustered precincts, where we have to deal with about a thousand voters per precinct," Bruno said.

A total of 229,820 teachers is to be deployed for Monday's elections as members of the

MACHINES A20

THE ONE, THE ONLY

BENIGNO SIMEON C. AQUINO III: What's important is I see problem and solve it



BACK TO THE FUTURE The flash of the Laban sign, yellow throngs and Noynoy Aquino on the campaign trail are reminders of one of the most riveting and affecting moments in recent RP history.

(Editor's Note: The presidential profiles will be running in no particular order but as the stories come in from our reporters in the field.)

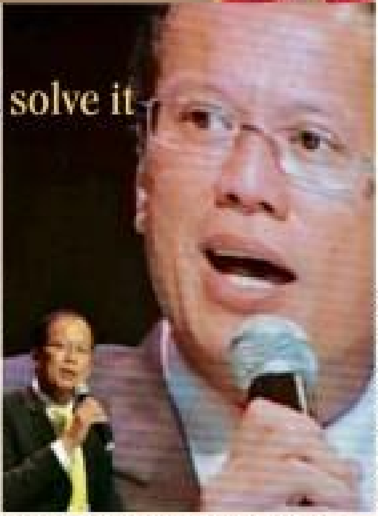
By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

(Eighth of a series)

HE LOOKED MORE like a cockfighter's *kristo*—a bet caller—than a presidential candidate as he waved a fistful of paper notes with one hand and held up the back of his abiding Paddock's jeans with the other in a late-night rally in Zamboanga City whose size could rival that of an Eraserheads' reunion concert.

With his thinning hair, stooped shoulders and awkward gait, Sen. Benigno Simeon "Noynoy" Aquino III could not

BENIGNO A33



SENSE OF DESTINY Aquino says he can't help but believe that his parents, Ninoy and Cory Aquino, are behind him every step of the way. How else explain the confluence of events that make him what he is today?

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LP looms as dominant minority

SC nullifies NP-NPC merger; Comelec to make new ruling

THE LIBERAL PARTY (LP) HAS more members than either the Nacionalista Party (NP) or the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC), bringing it a step closer to being declared the dominant minority party in the May 10 polls, Commission on Elections (Comelec) officials said yesterday.

Comelec Chair Jose Melo said the poll agency was set to issue a resolution on the matter of the dominant minority party following the Supreme Court ruling quashing the merger of the NP and NPC.

Based on his computation, Melo said, the LP has more members than either of the two other parties.

"Tentatively, the majority party will be Lakas-Kampi-CMD and the dominant minority party will probably be the LP," he said.

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Numbers, track record

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Ruling welcomed

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AUTOMATED POLLS

Bare all, SC tells Comelec

By Jerome Aning

CITING "NAGGING DEVELOPments" concerning the reliability of the automated election system, including the glitches that have developed in the Precinct Count Optical Scan (PCOS) machines' software, the Supreme Court yesterday ordered the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to make public the complete details of its preparations for Monday's polls.

Voting 13-0-2, the high court directed the Comelec to disclose to the public "the nature and security of all equipment devices such as software and hardware components, the source code for review by interested parties, the terms and protocols of the random manual audit, the certification from the technical evaluation committee that the entire automated system is fully functional and continuity plan is already in place, and the certification protocol and the actual certification issued by the Department of Science and Technology that the 240,000 board of election inspectors all over the country are trained to used the automated election system".

The decision, penned by Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, said the Comelec must comply with the requirements that are provided for under Republic Act 9369, or the Amended Automated Election System Law of 2007.

Civil action

The high court was acting on a special civil action for mandamus filed last April 22 by former Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., Protestant Bishop Leo Soriano Jr., Quintin Doromal, Fr Maria Assunta Jr., Joaquin Bernas and Rodolfo Lozada.

The justices said they were granting only the specific reliefs asked for by the petition because of the proximity of the elections. The petitioners can press the Comelec for other reliefs after the May 10 polls, they said.

The resolution cited news reports on Tuesday that with just six days to go before the May 10 elections, the Comelec has recalled 76,000 compact flash cards because of the widespread failure of the PCOS machines to read and tally votes during the testing conducted by the Comelec and Smartmatic-Total Information Management Corp., the systems supplier.

In its comment submitted on May 4, the Comelec said the petitioners had no legal standing to file the petition and that there was no proof that the they had requested the release of the information contained in the documents mentioned in their petition.

But petitioners said the petitioners had "overwhelming support" in the Constitution, citing in particular the provisions on the right to information and the state's corresponding duty of full disclosure of all transactions involving public interest.

The court also cited the provisions in the Omnibus Election Code, requiring the Comelec to carry out a continuing and systematic campaign to educate the public about election laws, procedures, decisions and other matters related to its duties; the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards, which mandates all public documents to be made accessible to, and readily available for inspection, by the public; and the Government Procurement Reform Act and RA 9525 (which appropriated P11.3 billion for the automated elections), that required transparency in the procurement process and in the implementation of procurement contracts.

Democracy's last bulwark

"The Comelec cannot shirk its constitutional duty to disclose fully to the public complete details of all information relating to its preparations for the May 10, 2010 elections without violating the Constitution and relevant laws. No less than the Constitution mandates it to enforce and administer election laws. The Comelec chair and the six commissioners are forbidden and accountable to the people they have sworn to serve," it said.

Calling itself "the last bulwark of democracy in the country," the high court said it would spare nothing to ensure that the people's right to information on matters affecting democratic processes is "fully guaranteed, protected and implemented".

Concurring with the resolution were Chief Justice Reynato Puno and Associate Justices Conchita Carpio-Morales, Antonio Eduardo Nachura, Teresita Leonardo-de Castro, Arturo Brion, Diosdado Peralta, Lucas Bersamin, Mariano del Castillo, Martin Villarama Jr., Jose Portugal Perez and Jose Mendoza.

Dissenting were Associate Justices Renato Corona, Roberto Abad and Presbitero Velasco Jr.





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Kris, Boy back Joey

TWO OF THE country's biggest show biz personalities—Kris Aquino and Boy Abunda—have endorsed the senatorial bid of Joey de Venecia III.

The endorsement came in front of hundreds of thousands who attended at the Bangus Festival in Dagupan City where Aquino and Abunda praised de Venecia for his "courageous battle against corruption and poverty." The two also asked their fans to vote for the Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino candidate.

The son and namesake of former Speaker Jose de Venecia thanked the pair, whom he admired "not only for their show biz savvy, but also for their business acumen." Besides being prized talents of ABS-CBN, Aquino and Abunda are also among the top producer endorsers in the country.

Same goal

"Kris, Boy and I have the same goal of trying to uplift the lives of our countrymen, especially the poor," De Venecia said in a press statement. Kris Aquino is the younger sister of Liberal Party presidential candidate Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III.

De Venecia said [illegible]

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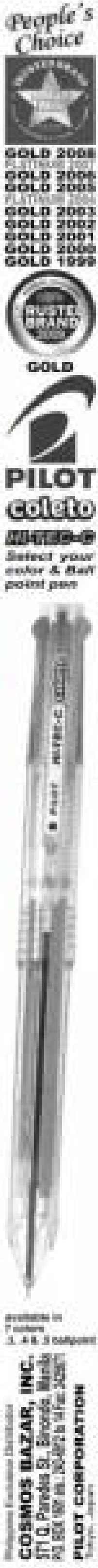
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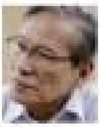




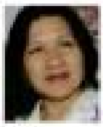




Satur, Liza ask Comelec to void Bangit appointment



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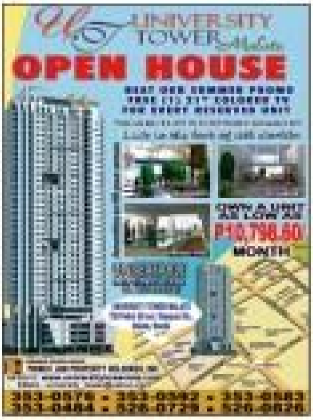
Friday, May 7, 2010
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1st Reading: Acts 15:22-31
Gospel: Jn 15:12-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this, to give one's life for one's friends; and you are my friends if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because servants do not know what their master is about. ..."

Commentary

"The greatest love you have for your friends is to give your life for them."



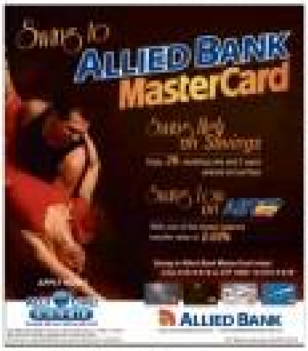






Bro. Eddie, Erap to Comelec: Postpone polls





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World is watching





Teachers serve in polls but can't vote

THEY SERVE in elections, but can't cast their ballot.

Over 300,000 public school teachers are at risk of being disenfranchised in Monday's elections unless the Commission on Elections (Comelec) takes prompt action, education officials said yesterday.

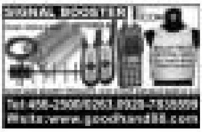
"The Comelec [illegible] disenfranchising thousands and thousands of our teachers. Many of our teachers cannot vote because the Comelec has disenfranchised them without any fault of their own," Undersecretary Franklin Sunga said in a Malacañang briefing.

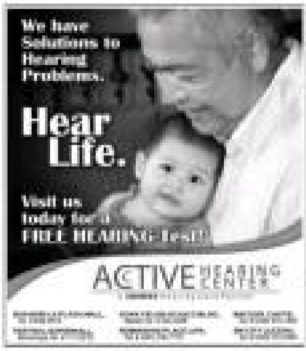
More than 100,000 teachers have been deactivated from the Comelec's list of registered voters after they reportedly failed to vote in two consecutive national elections.

But the DepEd has appealed this, and argued that the teachers cast their ballots in their precincts of assignment. *TJ Burgonio*

Battle goes on; Loren raids foes' turf







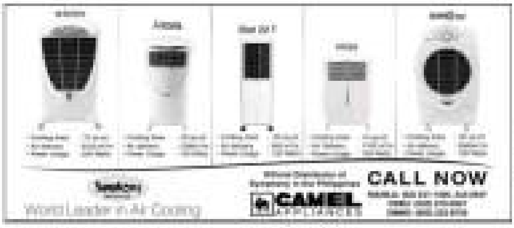




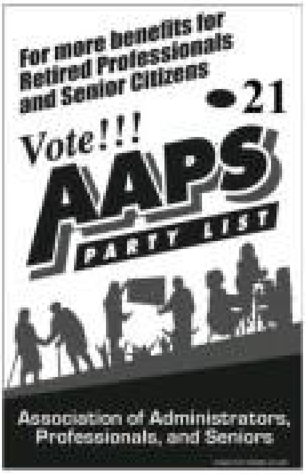


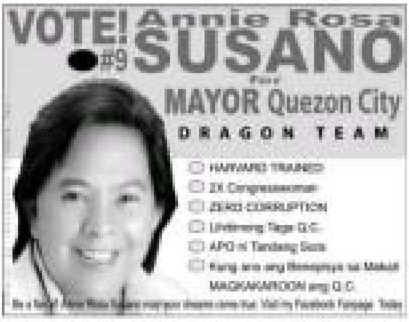
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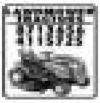


PDEA asked to help stop RP drug mules

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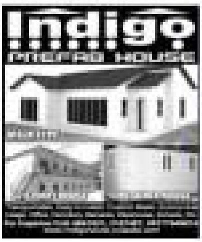
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Gov't, MILF join hands to clear landmines

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30 percent not enough

EDITORIAL

THE INITIAL REPORTS FROM THE PARTIAL resumption of the field testing of the voting machines, this time with the new compact flash memory cards, seem positive. For instance, one precinct in Parañaque City yesterday yielded "perfect" results, while another one managed to do so after a computer technician restarted the precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machine. But those results are an outright plus only in contrast to the spectacular failure of all voting machines tested last Monday. That the tests are remaining mere days before the elections remains a matter of great public concern.

Smartmatic executive Cesar Flores told a news conference that the "fix" to the massive technical glitch suffered last Monday, when wrongly encoded memory cards failed to read the test ballots in mock elections, was on its way to being completed. "The plans are moving as expected, and even better than expected. We have more than 35,000 cards configured and shipment started last [Wednesday] night. We received confirmation that testing and sealing resumed in places like Makati, giving 100 percent accurate results. This hurdle is being passed and we will have complete automated elections on May 10."

Would that it were so, but his statement is an unqualified positive only in relation to Monday's disaster. That a total of 76,000 memory cards need to be replaced, then tested, then sealed, all in four days, remains a matter of great public concern.

We can ask both the Commission on Elections and its automation contractor, Smartmatic, the same question we posed yesterday: Can you guarantee that no more technical glitches will occur on election day?

The answer, we fear, remains no. Our latest attempt to automate the election process has yielded a track record of demonstrated incompetence: from the original choice of a machine that leaves no paper trail; to the removal of safeguards like [illegible]; to the high-profile failure, for preventable causes, of basic tests; to last Monday's deployment of memory cards carrying the wrong instructions.

If, by some miracle, the great majority of the voting machines finally work as originally advertised on election day, then well and good. But it would be sheer idiocy not to prepare for a manual count.

The Comelec has long said it is prepared for a 30-percent manual count—in other words, that as many as 22,000-plus voting machines may malfunction or be inoperable on May 10. We had earlier criticized this provision, but now, in the harsh light of the continuing technical travails of Smartmatic and its machines, we urge the Comelec to prepare instead for a 100-percent manual count.

If the PCOS machines work as promised, then there would be no need to resort to the manual option. But if they fail, and they fail in the proportions suggested by the scale of last Monday's failed tests, then at least the Comelec would be ready, in spite of such a failure, to meet its main mandate: to conduct elections.

With four days to go, the Comelec barely has enough time to print the election returns, the statements of votes, and other election forms required by a full manual count. It needs to get started right away.

The additional expenses will be substantial, of course, but by one estimate the Comelec has at least P4 billion left unused from the approved budget for automation; that will be more than sufficient. The Comelec can also rest assured that, in the matter of a manual count, the majority of the public will support the extra cost. History's lesson is clear: the Filipino people take their elections seriously. The results of those elections may be open to dispute (or scholarly derision), but there it is: the people want their elections.

It is the inescapable responsibility of the Comelec, under Chairman Jose Melo, to ensure that there will be elections on Monday—automated, if possible, but manual, if necessary.

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PCOS failure is Murphy's Law in action

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

THE LAST-MINUTE GLITCHES IN THE AUTOMATED counting machines is Murphy's Law in action: If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong. Pessimists believe in it, optimists don't.

Optimism is a virtue, but sometimes it can be a vice. Candidates are optimists, because of which they often lose their shirts and everything else, after elections. All candidates think they will win even if everybody else knows they won't. [illegible]

There is no need to postpone the elections. The date is mandated by the Constitution. The problem is in the counting machines, not the casting of the votes. The voting can be held as scheduled, the counting will follow. It can be automated, when the glitches are solved, or manual.

But the credibility of the automated counting is already under fire. The confidence of the public has already been shaken. [illegible]

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Schizoid about the 'class' card

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

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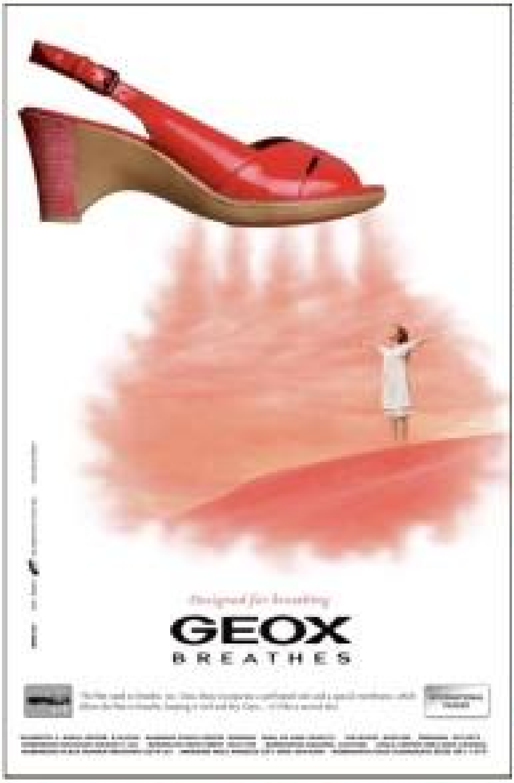
Ambeth R. Ocampo



Guidelines for voting wisely

Private army roaming free in Himamaylan City?

Good deeds of men not always interred with bones









Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

Across the NATION

NPA won't free mayor, will try him for 'crimes'

BUTUAN CITY—COMMUNIST rebels are keeping captive a town mayor allied with the Arroyo administration for investigation and trial by a rebel court for what the rebels said were crimes against the people.



Military says soldiers found reb weapons in mayor's farmhouse

Mayoral bet barricades roads in 3 villages

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas



N. Ecija 'unusually' calm, but cops keep watch

CABANATUAN CITY—POLICE in Nueva Ecija said the province's peace and order situation in this year's election period remained unusually calm compared to the past two elections.

"[There was] no violence associated with politics (that was reported to police)," Senior Supt. Ricardo Marquez, provincial police director, said on Thursday.

'So far, so good'

"We are happy about it but we are not taking it easy," he said. "So far, so good and we hope this condition in Nueva Ecija will stay until the election period is over."

He said violence marred the conduct of previous elections in the province. Police recalled a shooting incident in Jaen town in 2007 and the murder of three people in Talugtug town in 2004.

Police on high alert

Marquez said police units in the province were put on high alert for any possible violence.

He said 1,500 policemen and 950 Army soldiers are assigned in Nueva Ecija to ensure orderly and peaceful elections.

He said volunteers would help man the security assistance desks set up by the police and military in 740 polling centers in the province.

Nueva Ecija has been declared by the police as one of the election hotspots in the country because of political violence and intense political rivalries since the 1990s.

In Isabela, officials of the Army's 5th Infantry Division sent 140 additional soldiers to Abra to complement the police force there.

Reinforcement

Lt. Col. Rogelio Mapoz, 50th Infantry Battalion commander in Abra, said the soldiers would reinforce the 50th Infantry Battalion and the 41st IB.

He said soldiers were joining policemen in patrol operations in remote villages and were helping secure checkpoints.

Arrest

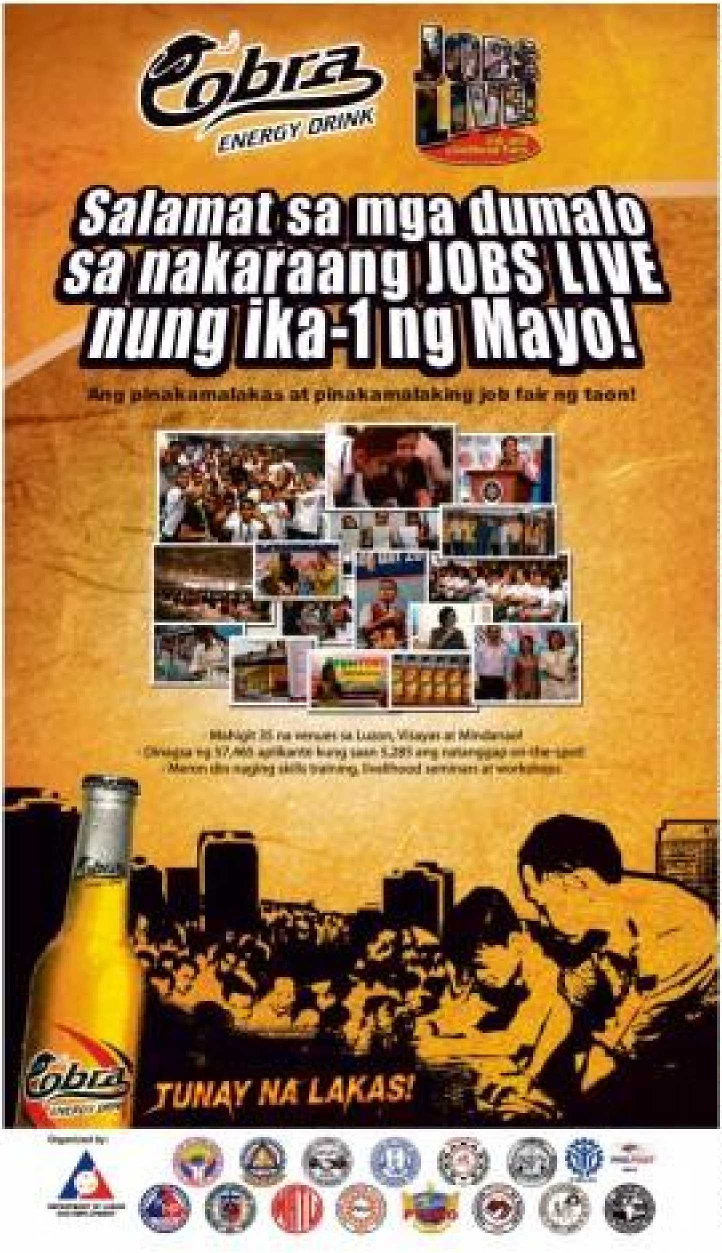
On Tuesday, a candidate for vice mayor in Tubo, Abra, was arrested in Bolinao(?) town for carrying a firearm.

Reports from the Cordillera police office said policemen recovered a .380 cal. pistol and bullets from Marvin Bueno, 32, a retired soldier.

In Bataan, armed men fired at the house of Morong mayoral candidate Jose Cabas on Wednesday. *Reports from Anselmo Roque and Greg Refraccion, Inquirer Central Luzon; and Villamor Visaya Jr. and Charles Buffi, Inquirer Northern Luzon*



PANGASINAN BANDWAGON Rep. Victor Agbayani (second from left), a Liberal Party stalwart in Pangasinan, rides with LP presidential candidate Benigno Aquino III and vice presidential candidate Manuel Araneta Roxas II during the coalitional sortie in the vote-rich province.



NEWSBRIEFS

BATAAN

5 treasure hunters dead

FIVE MEN died on Wednesday after inhaling fumes from a water pump that they brought into a 50-foot-deep excavation in Barangay Stado in Balanga town, police said.

Supt. ... Bolinas, police chief here, said the victims ... were looking for gold bars believed buried by Japanese soldiers in the town during World War II.

He said one of the victims' companions ... survived.

Inquirer Central Luzon

BATANGAS

Top export exec murdered

THE GENERAL manager of the Filipinas Kyoritsu Inc., a manufacturer and exporter of motor vehicle parts, was shot dead in Malvar town Thursday, police said.

Chief Insp. Edsel Malto, Malvar police chief, said ... was driving on his way to work in Lipa City when he was shot by unidentified gunmen in Barangay San Pedro at around 7:45 a.m.

Inquirer Southern Luzon

CAVITE

Woman rescued; kidnappers killed

AN AMERICAN citizen who was kidnapped a month ago was rescued, while her Filipino abductors were killed in a police operation in Tagaytay City in Cavite on Thursday.

... was rescued in a joint operation of the Police Anti-Crime Emergency Response (Pacer) and the Cavite police in Barangay ..., Tagaytay City, past 3 a.m., said Senior Supt. ..., Cavite police director, in a text message.

Tabajona said two suspected kidnappers were killed instantly after they opened fire at police, while another died at the hospital.

... was seized from her home in Barangay ... in Dasmariñas City on April 11.

The kidnappers demanded P44 million in ransom, but police said it wasn't paid.

Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon

LAGUNA

2 robbers dead in gunfight

TWO SUSPECTED robbers were killed in a gunfight with the police in Biñan City, Laguna, late Tuesday, the police on Wednesday said.

The two still unidentified suspects on board a motorcycle caught the attention of policemen as they were parked "suspiciously" in a dark alley in Barangay San Antonio past 10 p.m., said Senior Supt. ..., Laguna police director.

The two fled as police approached, firing at policemen. They were shot while fleeing and died at a hospital.

Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon



CAPIZ SIGN A poster surfaces in Capiz expressing opposition to one of the province's native sons, Mar Roxas, candidate for vice president of the Liberal Party. Capiz's officials have been divided over which presidential candidate or vice presidential candidate to support but many are behind the gubernatorial candidacy of Jonalyn "Jun" ...

Vigil starts for Among Ed

'Bejo' backs Binay but Romualdez clan prexy bet still Gibo

By Joey Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas



BINAY

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Melo: Losing bets likely to cite PCOS glitches

Proof of accuracy

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Hang 'em high later, says human rights commission chair

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Legarda's loss, Binay's gain

Aquino 42 percent

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New PCOS test results 'perfect'; prayers answered, says Melo

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If machines fail, teachers not ready for manual

Too late

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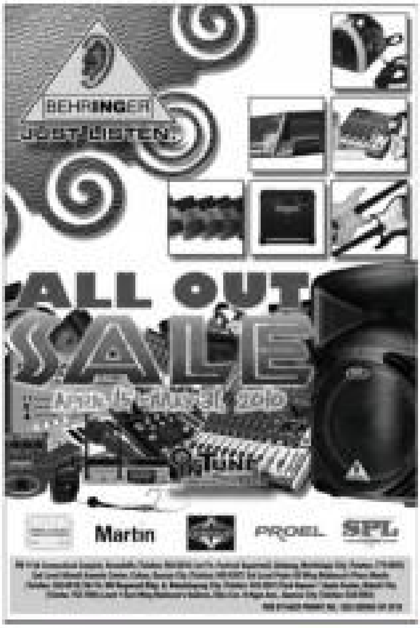
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POLL PREPARATIONS

Metro gets more soldiers

By [illegible]

THE MILITARY UNIT ASSIGNED to maintain peace and order in Metro Manila has deployed a company-sized unit to each of the five cities in which the race for the mayor's post was expected to be hotly contested.

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SC: Ex-energy chief's son won in 2007 polls

By [illegible]

THE SUPREME COURT HAS UPHELD A ruling by the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET) which declared [illegible]

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Talumpati ni President Erap Estrada sa Tondo

Actor should face tax case, prosecutor rules



CAMPAIGN MATERIAL OVERLOAD

An Open Letter to COMELEC Commissioner Jose Melo and PNP Chief Director General Jesus Verzosa

May 1, 2010

COMMISSIONER JOSE MELO
Commission on Elections

Dear Commissioner Melo:

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

BENJAMIN S. LIM
Dagupan City

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Ampatuan Massacre

SA DAGUPAN

LRT Line 1's Roosevelt Station to open in June

SC: Ex-energy chief's son won

Police closely monitoring 3 QC vote-rich areas

By Nancy C. Carvajal

THREE VOTE-RICH BARANGAYS in Quezon City are closely being watched by the police to prevent the outbreak of election-related violent incidents on May 10.

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SC: Ex-energy chief's son won

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More concrete re-blocking work this weekend

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Worker electrocuted in Manila

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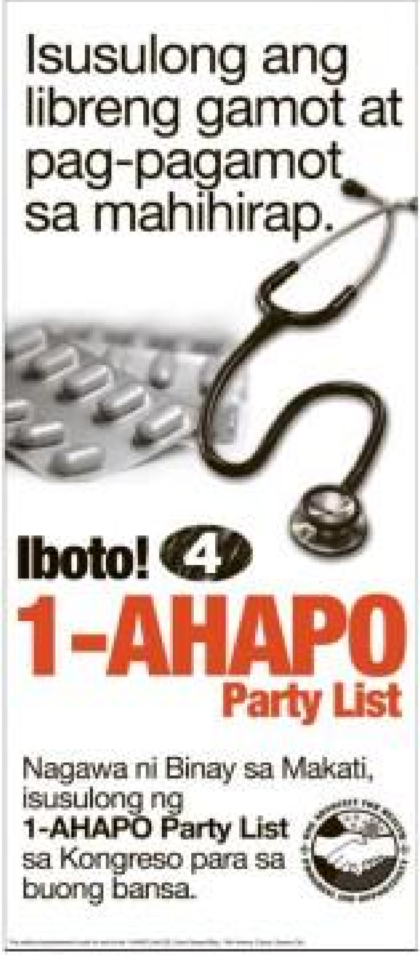
Man gets life term for selling drugs

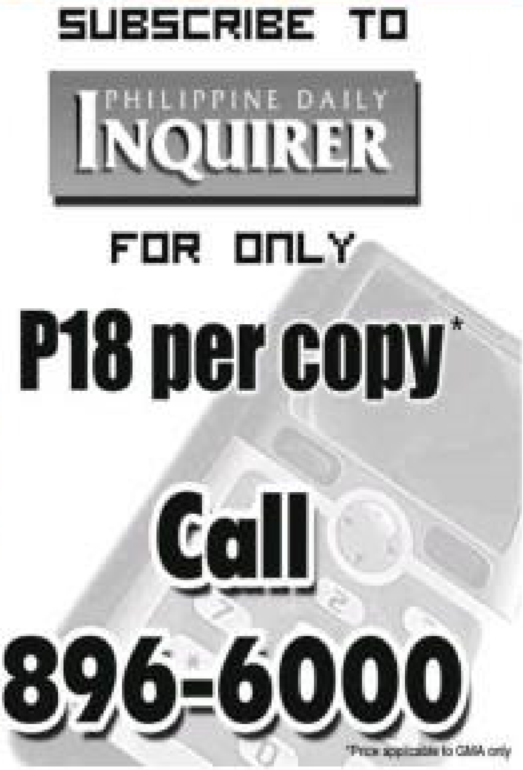
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Nigeria president dies; long illness led to crisis



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Party of democracy icon Suu Kyi to be abolished




SUU KYI

WorldBriefs

N. Korea's leader Kim says he's ready to rejoin nuke talks

Thai protesters demand more talks before quitting

Black boxes of Air France 2009 crash located in Atlantic

Hijacked Russian tanker freed; crew safe, pirate dead

"All it takes for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing."

NAMFREL

Ensuring Fair Elections on May 10

The National Citizens Movement for Free Elections believes that national elections must be held on May 10, 2010 under an automated election system that contains the proper safeguards and is backed up by sufficient manual systems which can be used where there are instances of a breakdown or failure of the automated system. When we go to the polls on May 10th to elect our new leaders who will assume office on July 1 to lead our Nation forward, we expect nothing less than clean, honest, fair, and credible elections. Our future depends on it.

The public's faith and trust in the Automated Election System have been severely shaken due to repeated failures of the PCOS machines when tested earlier this week. We believe the COMELEC should immediately take steps to rebuild the public's confidence in our electoral process. We, therefore, strongly recommend that :

1. The COMELEC should **prepare forms and processes which are easily accessible in all parts of the country for a manual counting of ballots and canvassing of votes** in case any or all parts of the Automated Election System and the PCOS machines fail.

2. There must be a **full end-to-end test** of all PCOS machines and compact flash (CF) cards (two per machine), including the canvassing software for municipal/city boards of canvassers, provincial boards of canvassers, and national boards of canvassers **before** election day to make certain all parts of the system are working correctly.

   Where the PCOS machines and/or canvassing software fail the test, then there must be full manual counting of ballots in those areas.

3. In areas where the PCOS machines will be used, we support the call of IT professionals and business groups for a **parallel manual count of three positions (President, Vice President, Mayor) of all ballots to check that the results printed on the Election Returns match the votes on the ballots before the ER is transmitted.** Both the manual and automated counts should be made available immediately to the public for transparency purposes.

4. We recommend that the Random Manual Audit of PCOS machines be done **immediately after the counting finishes and before proclamation of candidates.** We also recommend that the Random Manual Audit cover **5% of all PCOS machines** per Congressional district instead of just five machines per district as planned by the COMELEC. The audit process should include a review of the hash codes of the PCOS machines for comparison with source codes stored in Bangko Sentral.

The future of the country is at stake. It is incumbent upon the COMELEC to take the necessary steps to ensure clean, honest, fair, and credible elections.

As an organization dedicated to transparency in elections, NAMFREL volunteers will continue to remain vigilant in these elections and be of service to the people.

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"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

The WORLD

NY bomb suspect conducted a dry run

NEW YORK—IN THE DAYS BEFORE his failed attempt to detonate a car bomb in the heart of Times Square, the American man who had recently returned from his native Pakistan did a dry run and dropped off a getaway car blocks from the site, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

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Judge sentences Mumbai attacks gunman to hang



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SPORTS

Rain stalls Bayron, Pagunsan

RP junior netters blank Malaysians

Tams gun for third FilOil victory vs Blazers

Realtors take on Beermen

Williams trade talks hound SLR



RTU goes for Open sweep

Tears of pride as affair recalls athletes' heroism







USLS stuns Lyceum in farewell stint

Arum joins Manny in Sarangani

'Campo' made chess exciting

ONE GAME AT A TIME

Sev Sarmenta



Suns shine, grab 2-0 lead

Balanced scoring key to Phoenix victory over Spurs



Howard heads defensive team; LeBron, Kobe in



HOWARD

Nguyen scores, gains q'finals

SPORTSWATCH

Home Improvement with Ace Hardware



ACE Paints are not only colorful but safe

Home improvement goes to Tarlac with the opening of ACE Hardware's 47th branch in the Philippines at SM City Tarlac.

The 860 square meter store, which is located at the mall's second floor, is a one-stop shop for the latest home improvement solutions with anything and everything for fix-its, clean-ups, and do-it-yourself projects.

Like all ACE Hardware stores worldwide, the new store in Tarlac has an exciting selection of power tools, paints, electrical and plumbing equipment, building materials, outdoor equipment, and items for the car and the house. It also has a lawn and garden section, as well as exclusive products like the popular lead-free and colorless ACE Paints, which has 2,000 colors to choose from as well as an automated color matching program.

Apart from the enjoying the DIY fun, ACE Hardware customers at SM City Tarlac can also have a chance to win one of two Honda Wave 100 Motorcycles in a raffle promotion sponsored by Firefly. Every P500 single or accumulated purchase at the new store until May 31 entitles one to a raffle coupon and a chance to win. You can also double your chances of winning when you use your Prestige Card, SM Advantage Card, and BDO Rewards Card.

Check out the newly opened ACE Hardware store at SM City Tarlac. Other stores are located at SM Makati, SM Cubao, SM Hypermarket in Makati, and in SM Supermalls nationwide. These items are also available at ACE Builders Centers at SM City North EDSA, SM City Fairview, and SM City Pampanga. You may also visit our website at www.acehardware.ph.



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ACE Paint has different finishes to suit your home needs. In photo, ACE Royal Flat Wall Paint Acrylic Latex & ACE Royal Hi-Gloss Acrylic Latex Enamel



This ACE Garden Hose is extremely durable and kink-free

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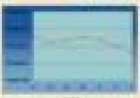
US importing additional sugar from RP

THE PHILIPPINE SUGar industry has sweet work to do as the premium US market seeks more sugar from the Philippines on top of an existing quota.

Gov't set to tap commodity reserves to cover trade deal

Indicators

Currencies



Stock Market

Shares closed down



Metro Pacific unit virtually clinches SCTEx deal







Napocor eyes ₱15-B bond issuance

Proceeds to fund 2010 capex of small power utilities group

Shares closed down

Peso expected to strengthen to 42:$1

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Metro Pacific . . .



China Bank income up 19% in first quarter

By Doris C. Dumlao







Metrobank boosts tier 1 capital

By Doris C. Dumlao

Sets compliance with tighter rules

Election spending to benefit Tanduay

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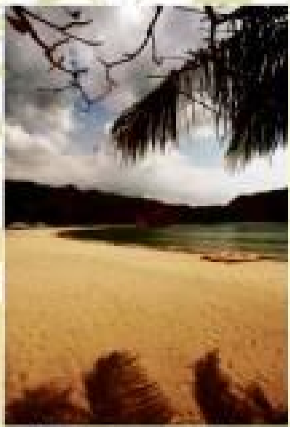
Portraits of Perfect Weekends

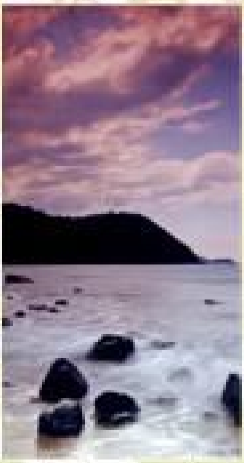
Pico de Loro Cove is the maiden residential community of Hamilo Coast in Nasugbu, Batangas. Its distinctive and pioneering leisure concept brings the convenience of condo and country club living amidst the splendor of breathtaking nature—among verdant mountains and beside the vibrant South China Sea.

Pico de Loro is but one of the many natural wonders to be found within Hamilo Coast's expanse that includes kilometers of coastline and numerous other coves, which are treasured dive spots and marine protected areas. As such, the entire place is an effortless backdrop for taking postcard-pretty photographs and images.

Amateur shutterbugs from the Canon Club EOS recently went to Hamilo Coast and took a refreshing look at Pico de Loro through their lenses, capturing portraits of truly perfect weekends at this unique seaside leisure community. These photos are on exhibit from May 7 to 14 at the Hamilo Coast showroom, ground floor of OneE-ComCenter building, Harbor Drive, Mall of Asia Complex, and will also be displayed at the Pico de Loro Country Club lobby on May 22.

















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BUSINESS *Friday*



Can new president modernize RP's advertising schools



SINGAPORE'S School of Art, Design and Media is one of the reasons why it is the region's creative hub.

By Roger Pe
Contributor

WHILE BEING INTERviewed by an award-winning creative director, this young man who said he wanted to make a good career in advertising, was told: "You are so good, your teachers and school must be very good, too." He replied: "Thank you, sir, but with all humility and respect to them, I developed my own style. I enrolled only at the university for the degree."

Other countries



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Globe provides ICT muscle to Ironroad



Canon redefines intelligent multifunctional devices



ASIAN HOSPITAL HOLDS FREE SCREENINGS

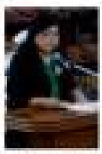
Fun time for kids at Golden Sunset!



AIRLIFT ASIA TAKES ANOTHER LEAP



SM celebrates Earth Day 2010



All terrain, All Terra



Westgate Center mounts Mongoose Mountainbike Race

New initiative to help target Facebook ads

Seminar with Jamesway's incubators

Can the new president modernize RP's ...

BUSINESS Friday

What it takes to make consumers stop, look and buy goods



THE PLACE went for a store design where the products or the merchandise are the main attraction.

Store highlights

Customer experience

Buying influence



Dam you must do, or damned if you don't

When the H20 supply problem gets too big

Solid water projects enable people to become more liquid

Dams you must do

Damned if wrong

Mini but many?

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LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty



Crickette takes up the Payless challenge

The former Shopwise VP reemerges, calmer and more mindful

Unique tribute to your mom



Crickette takes up the Payless challenge

From page C1



CRICKETTE with husband Donnie Tantoco

she made at first "because I didn't know what gender I was mentoring!" Eager to give the boys a challenge and get them out of their comfort zone, she encouraged them to produce accessories for different markets—mixed, young ladies and ladies.

The efforts paid off when the boys got the grand prize.

Admittedly, Donnie took a while getting used to the idea of her being at home, as did their kids (twins Nicole and Camille, and son Bienvenido Christian IV).

"They kept asking me, 'Mom, are you okay?' and I'd say 'Yeah, I'm fine!'"

"No one can ever have too much of a break," she says when asked if she missed the adrenaline rush of the daily grind. "There were no more 'Monday blues' for me, and if friends wanted to see me or do something with me, I'd say 'yes!'"

As comfortable as she was about retirement, Tantoco was just as comfortable with the idea of returning to work—provided, of course, that she had a "respect for the company and the boss, that we share the same values."

Marketing post

This and more she saw in an offer for a marketing post with US-based brand (and Shopwise sister company) Payless ShoeSource. Stores Specialists Inc. operates Footwear Specialty Retailers Inc., which holds the franchise of Payless Shoesource in the Philippines.

"It was a compelling and exciting project that played up to my strengths. So I said yes," says Tantoco.

If anything, her time away inadvertently prepared her for this unplanned undertaking. Describing herself this time around as calmer, more mindful of things, and no longer one to sweat the small stuff, she's realized "that I like working... and that you become a better person after a sabbatical. My view of things is so different now."

Case in point: Tantoco, who scaled down her sophisticated dress code to casuals during her retirement (jogging pants and jeans were her typical attire, and she even cut her hair short), now has a newfound appreciation of her clothes.

"My God, I didn't realize I had so many!" she says. "But I've come to see them in a new light."

The woman who looks forward to facing the new challenges with a more relaxed mind set has the looks to go with it.

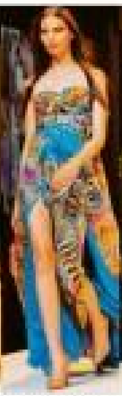
"Corporate," she says of her current look, in style, "but fun!"



CRICKETTE (center) with cousins Katrina Lobregat and Mindy Tantoco



PATIS Tesoro



VIBRANT colors and prints



MINDY Weldon-Tantoco



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AMINA Aranaz

PHOTOS BY ANDREW TADALAN

A toast to the Filipina, then and now

By Alex Y. Vergara



TWEETIE de Leon

AS PART OF "BRAVO! CELEbrating the Filipino," a four-month-long series of events focusing on homegrown talent and creativity, the Ayala group of companies is staging a tribute to Filipino women in an exhibit of pictures and narratives, some of them being shown in public for the first time.

Dubbed as "Filipina, Bravo!" the tribute culminated in a fashion show last week at Greenbelt Fashion Walk featuring the works of leading female designers—Lulu Tan-Gan, Patis Tesoro, [illegible], Mich Dulce and Katrina Goulbourn, among others.

The show went beyond clothes and into the designs of bag and jewelry designers Amina Aranaz, [illegible] and model-turned-accessories designer Tweetie de Leon.

It was a back-to-back event for a good number of designers, as their works—a different set, this time—were featured the next evening also at Greenbelt Fashion Walk. This time, featured were tenants of Greenbelt 5's Filipino Zone—[illegible], among others.

Helmed by sisters Bea Zobel Jr. and [illegible] Zobel-Elizalde, both known for their involvement in promoting Filipino heritage and culture, "Filipina, Bravo!" is also renowned fashion designer [illegible] vision.

As creative director, [illegible], who also directed the inaugural fashion show [illegible] sending shows were directed by Jackie Aquino), brainstormed with the Zobel sisters to produce a "heartfelt" tribute to Filipino women. The exhibit is described as an account of some of the country's bravest and most enterprising women, who, through their lives, careers, talents and pioneering efforts, paved the way for other Filipinas—both men and women—to realize their dreams.

With the Filipinas Heritage Library, the Zobel sisters and Tesoro worked with experts to research archival material to produce a list of Filipinas worthy of the honor.

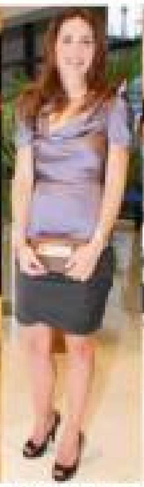
When its inaugural run ends on May 20 at Glorietta 4, "Filipina, Bravo!" will run in different Ayala malls: Bonifacio High Street, May 21-June 3; Market! Market!, June 4-17; Alabang Town Center, June 18-July 1; TriNoma, July 2-15; Marquee, July 16-29; and Ayala Center Cebu, Aug. 7-21.



KATRINA Goulbourn VERSATILE jewelry



LIKE SISTERS IN CESAR GAUPO: Bianca and Tessa Ortiz Pileiro



ASYMMETRIC neckline on Lizzie Zobel



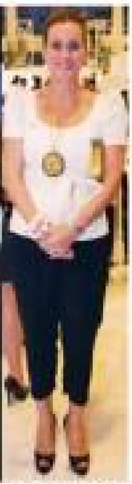
BEA VALDES NECKLACE on Bea Zobel Jr.



LACE TUNIC WITH ALAMPAY on Bea Zobel



H-LINE DRESS on Kit Zobel



CELESTINA PENDANT and bracelet on Sophia Elizalde

An evening of Filipina bravura

By Larry Leviste
Contributor

THE ZOBELS 'DRESS' OUTSIDE THEMSELVES this year," observed beautiful Karen Santos as she surveyed the huge caravan of fashion-forward Filipinas at the opening night of "Bravo Filipino" last Friday.

Cocktails and a sumptuous buffet by Margarita Fores was served upstairs at Greenbelt 5 where the glamorous Zobels' fashion designers led by Tippi Ocampo, Mich Dulce mixed with fashionistas who put on their Filipino made best, from Rosita by Rajo Laurel, Michelle Dizon or Silk Cocoon by Katrina Goodhours plus red carpet-worthy minaudieres, clutch bags and pendants by Celestina by Tina Ocampo, or shoes by Cesar Gaupo and Lila Klosters.

Give credit to the masterful by Bea Zobel and Sophia Elizalde who made sure this fashion-cultural event would celebrate the talent and ingenuity of our native traditional industries whether it be loomed indigenous fabrics, intricate beadwork or embroidery or original bold jewelry by Arnel Papa or Ricardo de Leon.

Elsewhere a 100-meter-long runway presented a fashion show that showed the world-class potential of designs in color-soaked garments coupled with eye-popping accessories and beautifully crafted shoes and bags by Mindy Tiamzon assisted by Monica Helfrich, Amina Aranaz and Katrina Goodhours, they should be sponsored by the Secretary of Trade and Tourism to the fashion capitals of the world namely Paris, Milan, New York and London.

Simply wowed with the tall and stunning Filipino models and the OPM soundtrack that serenaded the large audience, this rather patriotic yet saleable show that skips any trace of Filipiniana but jumps fast forward to the new century of thoroughly modern Filipino high-taste and absolute style could finally make us take the world fashion industry by storm.

This entire show is ready to wear and ready to go. It just needs the backing and stamp of the next President.



FOREVER BEST DRESSED Barbara Alonzo



INDIAN LIFESTYLE DISCOVERY Florence Benitez-Johanson



PHILIPPINE GEMSTONES on Crisanta Lontok



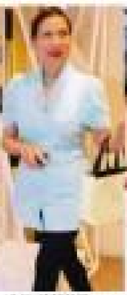
MODERN PAYNUELO on Rebecca Struck



PEPITO ALBERT CLUTCH on Karen Santos



EMBROIDERED KAFTAN on Mia Borromeo



ADORA'S SECRET WEAPON Tessie Billiton



GOLD BANGLES on Tessie Librero



BLACK GUIPURE LACE on Marie Tuason while Ging Montinola opts for up-cycled



ROYAL PURPLE on Chito Lopez

Summer blooms



IN FULL BLOOM. [illegible]

FLORAL PRINTS BLOOM AT SM THIS summer. [illegible]



FLOWER POWER. [illegible]



PETAL PUSHER. [illegible]



BLOOMING BEAUTY. [illegible]

LifeStyle Fashion & Beauty





Beauty campaign zeroes in on insecure women

Pond's Flawless White aims to help smart, competent women break out of their shell



"THE DIARY" introduces Carrie, a struggling intern for a fashion magazine.

By [illegible]

IT'S A MODERN-DAY "Cinderella" story: Carrie, a hardworking but very insecure intern for a top fashion magazine, loses her personal diary. It is found by Jack, the magazine's publisher and the man of Carrie's dreams—who has no idea that she exists. Then there's Megan, Carrie's slave-driving boss who will do anything to stop her from being with Jack.

Will Jack be able to find Carrie? How can Carrie blossom into the beautiful woman she really is?

These are the scenes in Pond's newest TV commercial series, "The Diary," which reaches out to young women just like Carrie—beautiful but lacking in confidence because of their skin problems. The commercial is part of Pond's Flawless White campaign, which aims to help smart, competent but insecure women break out of their shell and reach their full potential.

"Pond's Flawless White has always been about transformation," said [illegible], Pond's assistant brand manager, at the commercial's recent launch at [illegible], SM Makati.

Internship program

"We at Pond's believe that Carrie will be a very relatable character to young women, especially those starting fresh in their careers."

And as part of their campaign, Pond's will

BEAUTY D2







DELECTABLE feast exclusively prepared for us by acclaimed Australian chefs Grant King and Greg Doyle. Appetite? Carpaccio of coral trout, tomato consommé and lime gel, twice-cooked pot-roasted lobster with chilli, oyster sauce, kaffir lime and Thai basil; dessert: passion fruit soufflé, passion fruit sauce and Tahitian vanilla bean cream



CHEF King showing how to handle a cooked lobster to get at its delicious meat

Gastronomic feast at Singapore's World Gourmet Summit—burp!

IT WAS SUCH A THRILL FOR ME TO travel to Singapore for the annual World Gourmet Summit, dahlings, where I cleansed my palate in the rich local and international cuisine presented at the Lion City's most anticipated culinary event.

Citibank Philippines joined me, along with other members of the media, to experience world-class gourmet creations by the world's most acclaimed chefs. With my Citi card in hand, it was exciting to check out the restaurants participating in the event, all lined under Citi's exclusive new Gourmet Pleasures program.

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen using VRL Photo Solutions

Leading our pack were Citibank's consumer franchise director Cecille Fonacier, cards business director Ben Teh Tan and vice president Alma Gruenberg, no less. These three mavens and darlings shared details of this tempting event and, of course, Citi's Gourmet Pleasures, which is currently offered in select countries and in 1,000 locations in the Asian region—using only your Citi card as your exclusive pass, palangga.

With my Citi card...wahh!...I breezed through the highlights of the World Gourmet Summit event. With the theme, "Constellation of Stars," the event featured over a dozen of the world's most acclaimed master chefs, including Singapore's culinary stars.

The welcome dinner was at the most awarded seafood resto in Singapore, the Jumbo Seafood @ Dempsey. Its signature dish, Chili and Black Pepper King Crab, was the dinner blockbuster.

Highlight

The following day was the event's grand highlight, where we had the chance to savor two of Australia's renowned master chefs, Greg Doyle and Grant King of Sydney's seafood restaurant, *Pier*.

At the Miele Gallery, these celebrity chefs whipped up a feast exclusively for this event, dahlings.

Chef King was awarded "Restaurateur of the Year" in 2007 and Pier the "Seafood Restaurant of the Year" at the National Restaurant and Catering Awards. New Zealand-born Grant King, meanwhile, has been instrumental in helping Pier acquire and maintain the status of "Three Chefs Hats" in The Sydney Morning Herald's Good Food Guide since 2000, as well as its "Three Stars" in The Gourmet Traveller's 2007 Australian Restaurant Guide.

The culinary duo left us amazed with their creations: Carpaccio of coral trout, tomato consommé and lime gel, pot-roasted lobster with chilli, oyster sauce, Kaffir lime and Thai basil; and passion fruit soufflé, passion fruit sauce and Tahitian vanilla bean cream. Incredible, dahlings!

Grandeur

The next night, it was dinner at the famous The White Rabbit on Harding Road, also along the popular Dempsey eating area. The Old-World grandeur of this restaurant, housed in a restored old chapel, was complemented by its contemporary menu of reworked classic European dishes presented by the renowned head chef Daniel Sia.

We were completely breathless with the Four Seasons-inspired dishes as we dined and wined under the stained-glass windows of the resto, dahlings.

For Spring, we had a mosaic of Maine lobster, salmon and kingfish, with shaved vegetables in lime dressing. For Summer, we savored variations of asparagus, such as chive, morels and vinaigrette. Autumn offered the magnificent chargrilled smoked aubergine, braised oxtail papillon in spiced red wine sauce. And for Winter, Chef Daniel gave a fabulous, hard-to-beat concoction of real dark chocolate, coconut and rum.

I don't have a sweet tooth, and I hardly touch desserts, but this brilliantly served concoction was totally delicious. [illegible] not one but three servings of it.

Fantastic high

Naturally, our World Gourmet Summit adventure wouldn't be complete without a ride on the famous Singapore Flyer. A 30-minute trip on the Flyer allowed us to sip the new Moët & Chandon Champagne Flight, served in elegant tulip flutes along with a platter of strawberries and yummy chocolates.

The view goes as "as far as the coastline of Malaysia and Indonesia," said the two attractive Singapore Flyer executives with us, Yeong Lai Lai and Fabia Wong Hui Lin. That's how you get a fantastic high in a capsule 165 m above the ground, with a chic Citibank card, no less, while gazing at the breathtaking Singapore skyline!

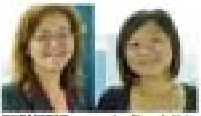
Hey, palangga, there's really nothing like owning a Citi card.

All you Citi cardholders out there, prepare for the same gastronomic feast when the Citi Gourmet Pleasures Program hits the Philippines sooner than soon, with its exclusive dining deals, perks and privileges from partner establishments in our town.

Check out Citi Gourmet Pleasures at the [illegible] CitiPhone [illegible]. Or visit www.citibank.com.ph.



FOUR seasons-inspired feast at The White Rabbit: First course: Spring's Mosaic of Maine Lobster, Salmon and Kingfish with Shaved Vegetables in Lime dressing; Summer's Variations of Asparagus, Chive, Morels and Vinaigrette; main course: Autumn's Chargrilled Smoked Aubergine and Braised Oxtail Papillon in Spiced Red Wine Sauce; and Winter's Dark Chocolate Variations, Coconut and Rum dessert



SINGAPORE Flyer executives Yeong Lai Lai and Fabia Wong Hui Lin

World-class creations by the world's most acclaimed chefs—what more could we ask for?



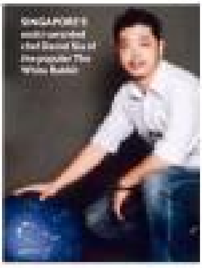
BRILLIANT kitchen tandem: Grant King and Greg Doyle of Sydney's Pier restaurant



CITIBANK Vice President Alma Gruenberg, Consumer Franchise Director Cecille Fonacier and Cards Business Director Ben Tan



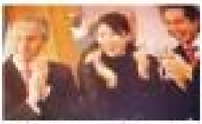
PREPARING the divine Passion fruit Soufflé



SINGAPORE's most-awarded chef Daniel Sia of the popular The White Rabbit



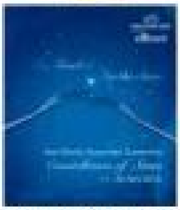
THE WHITE Rabbit restaurant is housed in a beautifully restored chapel.



STANDING ovation for the gastronomic feast prepared by Sydney's two star chefs for the [illegible]



BESTSELLING book "Pier" by chefs Greg Doyle and Grant King, co-authored with pastry chef Katrina Kanetani



THE INVITATION to this year's World Gourmet Summit, with the theme "Constellation of Stars"



THE CHOSEN pose for the exclusive World Gourmet Summit in Singapore. Edd Fonacier with Tanya Lara, Citibank president Alma Gruenberg, moi, Citi Consumer Franchise Director Cecille Fonacier and Pepper Teehankee



CHEF King slowly pours the passion fruit sauce, followed immediately by the pouring of the Tahitian vanilla bean cream by Chef Doyle.



AUSTRALIAN [illegible] from renowned Australian resto Pier



CHEF Doyle keeps a watchful eye as his partner prepares the ingredients of the lobster dish.



CHEF Grant King and Chef Greg Doyle receive plaques of recognition from R. Rajamanikam, Peter Knipp Holdings' Director of Projects.



A CHIC way of sipping Moët & Chandon Champagne Flight—on the Singapore Flyer, with a view of the Lion City's skyline



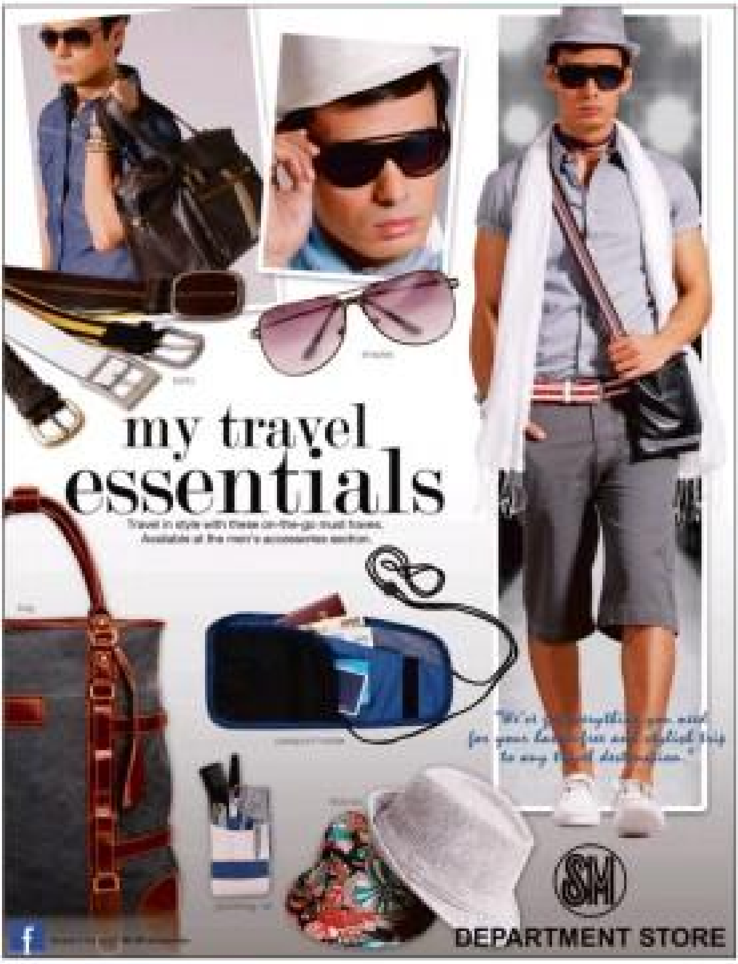
THE POND'S TEAM.

Beauty campaign zeroes in . . .

Pamper Mom on her special day









Mother's Day reads

National Book Store proffers useful, inspiring and entertaining reads for mothers.

Follow the extraordinary life and career of one of the most influential, powerful and admired public figures of our time, Oprah Winfrey, as Kitty Kelley examines her greatness under a microscope and reveals more secrets about her in "Oprah: A Biography."

"Dreaming of Dior: Every Dress Tells a Story" is a collection of beautiful clothes and women's lives as Charlotte Smith tells the unique story of every piece of clothing she has inherited from her godmother in one great book of lifetime memories.

From the award-winning author of "Life of Pi," Yann Martel gives "Beatrice and Virgil," a story that revolves around the epic journey of Henry together with a donkey and a howler monkey—named Beatrice and Virgil—in a novel that explores the nature of man, digging deep into who we are and what we are capable of doing in order to survive.

"Do One Green Thing: Saving the Earth through Simple, Everyday Choices" by Mindy Pennybacker is a guide for those who want to make good green choices in their everyday lives, from selecting the safest reusable water bottle to choosing between liquid and bar soap.

This book includes comprehensive lists of recommended products and brands that make green living stress-free.

Look ten pounds lighter, ten years younger and ten times sexier everyday with Charla Krupp's "How to Never Look Fat Again: Over 1,000 Ways to Dress Thinner—without Dieting."

This book will help one understand how proportion, balance and color can make one look slimmer and more fabulous.

In "Giada at Home: Family Recipes from Italy and California," Giada De Laurentiis shares delicious classic recipes stemming from her Italian heritage and food traditions she learned to love from her adoptive hometown in California, all inspired with her signature style and personal touch.

Martha Stewart's "Encyclopedia of Sewing and Fabric Crafts" is a visual reference book that teaches the basic techniques of sewing, appliqué, embroidery, quilting, dyeing and printing, including 150 new and useful projects from A-Z.

Follow National Book Store on Facebook and Twitter for exclusive offers.



And now, Hermès jewelry

One entered a dark, cloaked room–and beheld the jewels, displayed in all their diamond glory

PARIS—If the leather bags are the crown jewels, what comes next?

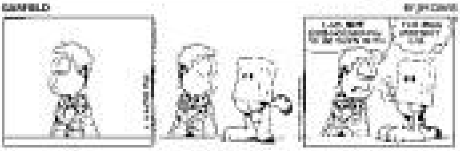
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Architectural pieces

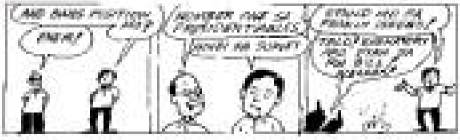
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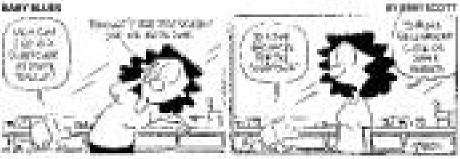
JAMES BOND



DIVINE COMEDY

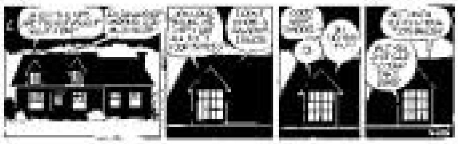


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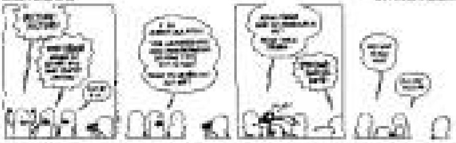


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KIKO MACHINE



SHERMAN'S LAGOON



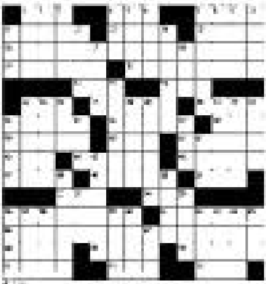
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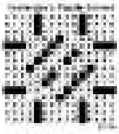
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE







NECKLACE of black onyx from Hermès



DIAMOND whip necklace from Hermès

And now, Hermès jewelry



CROCODILE packaging for a very expensive necklace



THE AUTHOR with Pierre Hardy

Hermès announces death of former chairman

MINCA, together with Makati Shangri-La Hotel, brings in 11 medals for the Philippines



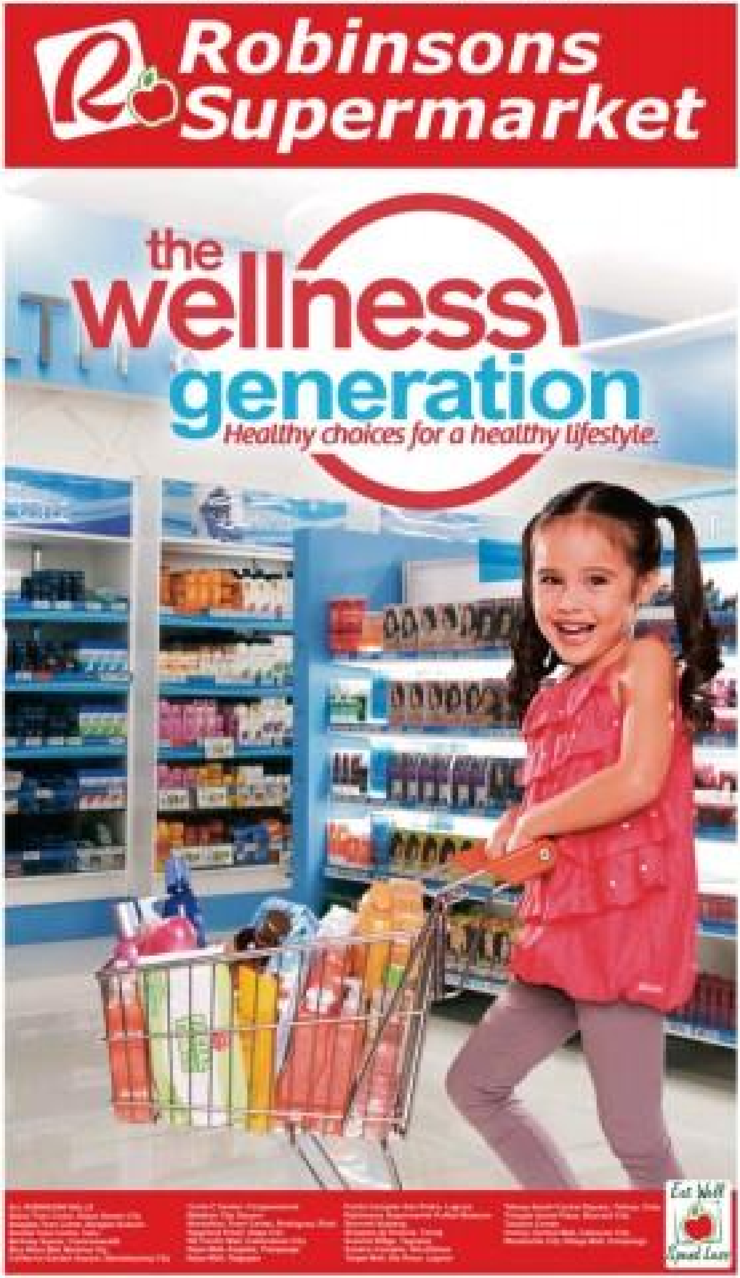




Heritage Festival highlights Filipino music

'Ina' in Makati





WHAT'S Up

Mom's day promo

Writing workshop

Legacy 600 in Manila

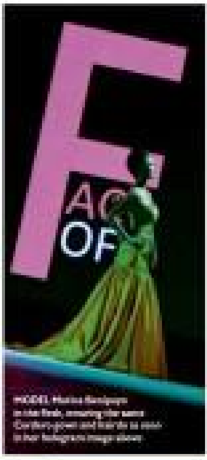
LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty



Blend of cutting-edge technology and high fashion makes way for Samsung's groundbreaking 3D LED TV

MODELS, yes, but not people, no. They're holograms of Auggie Cordero models in giant TV on the runway. Through advances in 3D technology, Samsung was able to capture their images days earlier and insert them on stage on "Face Off."

How 'Face Off' used hologram–a first on RP runway



MODEL Marina Benipayo in the flesh, wearing the same Cordero gown and hairdo as seen in her hologram image above

By Alex Y. Vergara

APART FROM GIVING FASH-ionistas a close-up view of some of the best and hottest looks this season, "Face Off" last April 19 again saw the marriage of fashion and technology in the first ever use of hologram or computer-generated images on the Philippine runway.

Staged by Inquirer Lifestyle and Samsung, the fashion show featured clothes by Joey Samson, Jerelleah Aseron, Patrice Ramos-Diaz and guest designer Auggie Cordero.

It also marked the launch of Samsung's full HD 3D LED TV, the first of its kind to be rolled out in the region and the inspiration behind the nearly 15-minute hologram segments (five minutes to kick off the show and another five minutes after Cordero's portion).

"Samsung has always been associated with style," said Paulo del Rosario, Samsung's marketing and communications manager. "We're not just known for producing quality devices, but also for coming up with award-winning styles."

This is evident, whether we're talking of cell phones or TVs. In its continuing bid to cultivate such an image, Samsung

HOW 'FACE OFF' F3

Beat the tyranny of style



MAXIMIZING MAXI. Gray and yellow maxi dress by Jun Escario, at Greenbelt 5; shoes by [illegible] at CMG



While the heat is oppressive, the summer fashion of 2010 is anything but tyrannical. It yields not a single commanding look, but a myriad of silhouettes, structures, lengths, textures and colors. You will not run out of options.

You can go maxi or ultra mini, tailored, body tight, or loose, billowy, even voluminous. You can be covered up or almost bare, or done.

You can don white, bright hues or neutrals.

Let these ensembles shot in the rugged terrain of Batanes be your cue.



TRI-COLOR
Tri-color block dress by [illegible], at Rustan's Makati

SKINNY
Pink top by [illegible], at SM Department Store; white pants by [illegible], Greenbelt 5; shoes from CMG

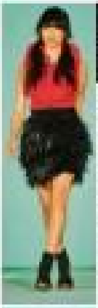


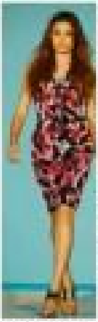
LEAN AND TAILORED
White sports jacket paired with white pants from Zara; red orange bandeau from Mango



QUITE A STRETCH
Aqua blue lycra dress by [illegible]; shoes by [illegible], available at CMG

Andi Eigenmann is poster girl for young and trendy fashion





ONE pieces from The Ramp Crossings

By Irene C. Perez

TEEN STAR ANDI EIGENMANN SAYS there have been major changes in her wardrobe since she joined show biz.

[illegible]

Comfy and sexy

[illegible]

Shoes and accessories

[illegible]



"I LOST 20 lbs in four months to get ready for the fashion show. My tip for girls my age: Make sure your outfits suit your age and body type. There's no need to rush and wear clothes more suited for mature women. Have fun while you're still young."

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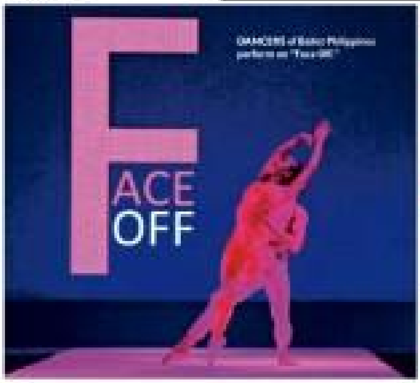
The Ramp Crossings has stores at Shangri-La Plaza, Trinoma, Glorietta. Visit www.facebook.com/TheRampCrossings.

Cool, cool trends for a hot summer at Araneta Center

DRESSED IN THE LATEST SUMMER fashion from Bazaar's complemented by stylish footwear from Maxandrea, three of this year's Bb. Pilipinas winners [illegible] Araneta Center recently.



ON COVER: [illegible]



How 'Face Off' used hologram . . .

From page F1

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Benchmark

[illegible]

Delightful treats and grand surprises for moms at SM Supermalls

SM Supermalls salutes all moms with an exciting mix of events that offers moms and their families lots of fun and great bonding moments.

Wonder Mom's Cook-off

Moms get the chance to challenge the guest chef to win exciting prizes in the **Wonder Moms Cook-off** event on-going until May 15.

MAY 7 SM CITY TARLAC
MAY 8 SM CITY MARIKINA • SM CITY TAYTAY
SM CENTER LAS PIÑAS • SM CITY MARILAO
SM CITY BALIWAG
MAY 9 SM CITY SUCAT • SM CITY BACOOR
SM CITY LIPA
MAY 28 SM CITY FAIRVIEW

Model Moms

Full-figured moms grace the fashion ramps wearing the trendiest plus-size collection for big and fabulous women.

MAY 7 SM CITY TAYTAY
MAY 8 SM CITY CLARK
MAY 9 SM CITY CAGAYAN DE ORO

Mother's Day Special



Shoppers may dine in or take out P150 worth of SM Foodcourt order including a Del Monte drink to get a free 2-pc all-in-one Del Monte Sandosenang Sarap seasoning. Valid May 7 to 9 only.

Unforgettable Moments with Mom



Mom's first strike wins her a prize when you avail of SM Bowling Center's **Treats for Mom** package.

Fashion Values for Mom



The on-going **Mommy Glam Sale** of SM Department Store offers up to 50% off on selected ladies' apparel until May 15.

Mom's Platter

Moms demonstrate their talents in preparing nutritious and delicious meals or baking cakes and pastries.



MAY 7 SM CITY TARLAC • SM CITY TAYTAY
MAY 8 SM CENTER MUNTINLUPA
MAY 9 SM SOUTHMALL
SM CITY ILOILO
SM CITY BACOLOD
SM CITY DASMARIÑAS
MAY 14 SM CITY BICUTAN



Mommy Palooza on Ice

Take mom to a party on ice at the SM Ice Skating Rink at SM Mall of Asia or SM Southmall on May 9, 16, 23 and 30. Avail of 3+1 Unlimited Ice Time tickets and 30-minute coach assist. Plus! Do the moves of the Polar Bear and get a chance to pick a prize.

MAY 9 & 16 SM MALL OF ASIA
MAY 23 & 30 SM SOUTHMALL

Mommy Moves

Moms are invited to join the belly dancing workshop especially calendared for them. The workshop culminates in a showcase featuring the participating moms.

MAY 8 SM CITY BALIWAG
MAY 9 SM CITY MARIKINA
SM CITY MARILAO

Mother's Day Thanksgiving Mass

Simultaneous celebration of the Eucharist starts at nine in the morning at these selected malls:

SM CITY STA. MESA • SM CITY MANILA • SM CITY SAN LAZARO • SM CITY BICUTAN • SM CENTER PASIG • SM CITY ILOILO • SM CITY CLARK • SM CITY CAGAYAN DE ORO • SM CITY TAYTAY • SM CENTER MUNTINLUPA • SM CENTER MOLINO • SM CITY BACOOR • SM CITY DASMARIÑAS • SM CITY LIPA • SM CITY LUCENA • SM CITY BAGUIO • SM CITY MARILAO • SM CENTER VALENZUELA • SM CITY FAIRVIEW • SM CITY PAMPANGA



MOMMY'S MAKE-OVER

MOMMY'S MUSICAL AFTERNOON

MOMMY'S FAVORITE STARS

SUPERMALLS

LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty





'No amount of makeup can cover tired skin'

Beauty columnist Kelly Misa reveals her beauty secrets–and more

IF YOU ARE WONDERING where our writer Kelly Misa is, she is now part of a noontime game show. Next week though, instead of being "Miss How To," her column will be Ask Kelly. Four beauty questions will be answered in her Kelly_misa@inquirer.net e-mail address. Who else better to answer your beauty concerns than someone who has been living it for over a decade? Now you can get to know Kelly more.

KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

Full name: Raquel Denise "Kelly" Misa

How old were you when you started modeling? I've been going to VTRs and castings since I was [illegible] years old, but I only started getting work when I turned 19. You can say I was a late bloomer.

How did you get discovered? I think it was more the other way around. I really pursued modeling. I went through a lot of rejections before I finally got my first gig. I remember how much I wanted to come out in magazines and on TV. I'm not exactly sure what changed, but one day I just started getting one role after the other, until finally I got my first lead commercial. I was so happy!

Are you enjoying modeling? Yes. Definitely. Modeling has taken me places; I got to travel, work abroad and meet so many interesting people. It got me out of my comfort zone and gave me confidence.

What do you like most about your new [illegible] hosting? Well, right now, I am hosting a daily noontime show. I have a column in PDI and I am technically still a model. I love that I can do all these things without one conflicting with the other. I like that I get off work (from "Wowowee") after 3 p.m.. I can write from any place with a plug and WiFi and I can do modeling jobs for as long as my schedule permits it. There is no dull day in the office for me!

When and how did you start writing? I've always liked writing. I kept a journal all throughout my teen years, but I never really thought of writing for a living. It wasn't until Ria (Prieto) offered me a beauty column last March 2008 that I thought, "I could actually do this." From there I started contributing to different magazines until I landed a job as beauty editor of Look magazine.

What do you enjoy better? Writing and hosting are both challenging for me. I enjoy them equally because they allow me

SEE KNOCKOUT G3



Long-lasting lip colors for moms

MAKEOVER 911



WOMEN CAN NEVER own too much lipstick. We loved them as children and continued doing so as we grew up to be mothers and grandmothers. On days when you feel less than pretty, one swipe of color that flatters your skin tone, even on a bare face, will enhance your assets and blur your flaws. Women have different needs and preferences, though, so this will be a guide for moms to make choosing far easier.

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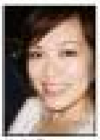
'No amount of makeup can cover tired skin'



Something NYX









Beauty within reach

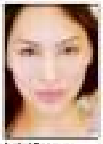
Win this!





Find the trendiest makeup, mascara, lip color





Isabel Roxas, Backstage Pass

Flushed cheeks

Intense lashes

Mad lips

Flushed cheeks

Intense lashes



ZO AQUILA

Mad lips



L'OREAL mineral glow bronzer

EUNICE Lacson

Flushed cheeks

Intense lashes

Mad lips

How sunblock keeps wrinkles away



BELO Essentials SunExpert



UNITED POP! Silk draped asymmetrical dress P1,800

Andi Eigenmann:
Out of the water and onto The Ramp



[illegible]

ANDI is wearing a plum ruffled mini dress from The Ramp P1,[illegible]

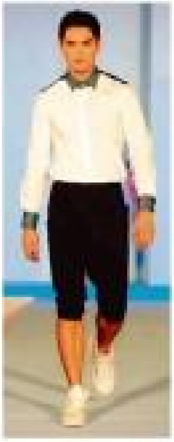


FAITH HOPE LOVE 2 Tone shift dress P1,700





THE RAMP [illegible] top P1,200 [illegible] skirt P1,700



MUNDO long sleeves with denim collar P1,200 [illegible] pants P1,[illegible]

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OVERHEARD

[illegible] Anderson, on real partner Kim Chiu's ... "... Kim." — Marinel R. Cruz

A designer named Soo

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Romy Hornillada

"IT WOULD BE INTERESTING to see the traditional Filipino dress become part of modern Philippine fashion," said Malaysian actress Carmen Soo, referring to the terno or the original barot saya. [illegible]



OUT OF THE CLOSET

THE MALAYSIAN actress says she is now paying close attention to Filipino designers and learning about their styles.

Bags

[illegible]



CARMEN likes this bag from Tango for it's one-of-a-kind design.

Memorabilia

[illegible]



A FLAMENCO fan she got from Spain

Books

[illegible]

A DESIGNER, A3



"GIRLY" pouch she got from Watsons



CLUTCH bag personally designed for a Malaysian fashion brand



TAIL TALES

STEF PRESCOTT

[illegible]



ANNE Hathaway



JENNIFER Lopez



TINA Fey





THE PAIR of chandelier earrings is also one of Carmen's designs.



RACHEL Weisz



OSCAR de la Renta and Oprah Winfrey



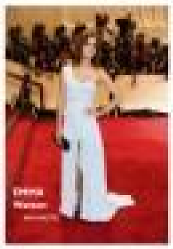
KRISTEN Stewart

RENEE Zellweger

ashion power: Some like it light!

NEW YORK—TWO OF the most powerful women in entertainment and fashion teamed up ...





EMMA Watson





CARMEN, who recently got into diving, keeps a journal about her new hobby.

designer named Soo



THE MALAYSIAN designer of the red Eclipse dress named it after Carmen.



Cosmetics

Footwear

Accessories

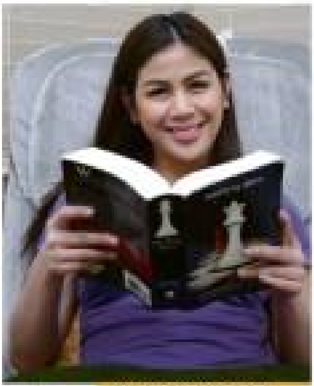




Kudos from Vilmanians

OVERHEARD

SCREEN legend Anita Linda recounts an encounter with two fans of her winning the Urian Best Actress with "Lola" coact Rustica Carpio: "At the UP Film Center lobby, after the awards show, two ladies approached me for a souvenir photo. They said they were Vilmanians, that they were happy even though I won over their idol (who was nominated in the same category)." *Bayani San Diego Jr.*



VALERIE CONCEPCION

BOOKS

I HAVE all four books in Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" series: "Twilight," "New Moon," "Eclipse" and "Breaking Dawn." I'm done reading all of them. I finished each thick book in four days. I was so addicted that I didn't mind giving up sleep. I love the first one, "Twilight," the most. The writer showed off her creativity. I didn't like the other books as much because Bella and Edward's relationship became too complicated. I like to swoon because I'm a hopeless romantic. Now I wish I'd meet someone like Edward, who would love me that intensely and sacrifice everything for me. *Bayani San Diego Jr.*





ENTERTAINMENT

STARS FOR OTHERS



Another win for 'Lolo' role



RODERICK Paulate is Best Comedy Actor



Angelica: Mum's the word on that infamous grope





All the performances were something to remember

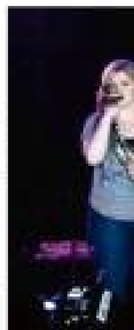
Hollywood red car

BACK STORY



Lea Salonga

Three hours to go



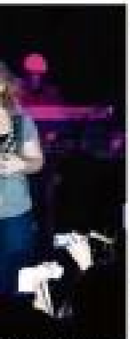
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SAMANTHA, Charlotte, Carrie and Miranda stroll on Lawrence of Arabia's dunes.

New Yorkers, anywhere

TAKE FIVE

PLOT DETAILS HAVE BEEN MYSTERIOUSLY scarce about the eagerly awaited sequel, "Sex and the City 2" but in this interview, writer-director Michael Patrick King reveals some key and fun information that will have to do until Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda sashay onto the big screen.

What's so exciting about this for you?

The amazing thing about this sequel was the journey before I even got to film. I had this idea that the movie should be a party and that we're in a bit of a Depression financially and the girls need-ed to go somewhere extravagant. Abu Dhabi popped into my mind and I thought, "How funny to have these very opinionated American women in the Middle East, where there is so much tradition and conservative culture?"

John Moffi and I searched for a location and we wound up in Morocco. It had everything I needed and more, but the dunes were a one-and-a-half hour plane ride away. They are the dunes where "Lawrence of Arabia" was filmed.

We had a great time making the movie. It felt like, oh, now we're doing that type of movie and then when we went to the Middle East it was like we were doing a David Lean epic.

What was it like shooting such a huge movie on the streets of New York?

Once a year has come by and you could hear the fanfare go wow... Indeed, if you're on Fifth Avenue and stumble upon Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte, it's like the ultimate New York sighting. But wouldn't it be worse if we relocated?

Does it matter where you put these women? Don't they always remain New Yorkers?

Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte are distinct New York characters and, when they're together, it doesn't matter if they're in Mexico or in the Middle East. They're still those four characters. SATC can go anywhere because of them. They're always going to have their conversations.

Is there something in it for guys?

I wanted this movie to be a lot of laughs. I wanted it to have a point of view about the difference between tradition and non-tradition. Basically, it's a big romp with these four girls [but] there's a lot in there for guys to relate to. There's a new chapter that really has to do with a man and his wife.

How is Sarah Jessica as producer?

The first big skill of any producer, to me, is sensing a good story and being an audience. Sarah Jessica really is my best audience. When I tell her the story and she reads the script, she's able to, just for a second, take the producer hat off and be an audience member. And then the hat comes on and we figure out how we're gonna do it. She's very hands-on.

("Sex and the City 2" opens soon across the Philippines.)

PDI visits set of political thriller about Shakespeare

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales

BERLIN—FOR A CHANGE, DIRECTOR Roland Emmerich is building a city, not destroying major capitals of the world.

At the famed Studio Babelsberg, the world's oldest large-scale studio complex, the master of disaster films is recreating parts of 16th century London for his new film, "Anonymous." In a refreshing break from his end-of-the-world blockbusters, Roland is tackling an issue that has intrigued folks from Sigmund Freud, Henry James, Mark Twain to Jessie Brown: Did the so-called Bard from Stratford-Upon-Avon really write those literary masterpieces attributed to William Shakespeare?

Authorship question

This authorship question apparently started in 1920, when J.T. Looney posited in his book, "Shakespeare Identified," that Edward de Vere, the Earl of Oxford, actually wrote those compelling plays about Romeo and Juliet's tragic love or Hamlet's sorrowful life.

"Anti-Stratfordians" contend that Shakespeare, the son of an illiterate tradesman, was educated in a village school and could not have written "King Lear" or "The Merchant of Venice." Much ado is also made over the fact that when Shakespeare died in 1616, his likeness, wife and children, inherited his "second best bed" but no money.

"Stratfordians," on the other hand, believe that Shakespeare was no doubt the author for a number of reasons. One proof, they say, is that the title pages of many of these brilliant plays and sonnets carried the name "William Shakespeare," and that his fellow writer, Ben Jonson, acknowledged him as the "Sweet Swan of Avon" in the preface to the First Folio, a collection of Shakespeare's plays.

To bring to life this "political thriller," Roland has assembled a top-rate cast: Vanessa Redgrave (Queen Elizabeth), Joely Richardson (Young Elizabeth), Rhys Ifans (Earl of Oxford), David Thewlis (William Cecil), Rafe Spall (Shakespeare), Xavier Samuel (Southampton) and Mark Rylance (Condell, a Globe actor).

Massive sound stages

On our second visit to Studio Babelsberg (first time was for Tom Cruise's "Valkyrie"), we had more time to explore the studio where such films as Quentin Tarantino's "Inglourious Basterds," the "Bourne" movies and "V for Vendetta" were shot in its massive sound stages. Cinephiles treasure Babelsberg as the place where such classic German films as Josef von Sternberg's "The Blue Angel" (with Marlene Dietrich), Fritz Lang's "Metropolis" and Robert Wiene's "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" were made.

In a large-scale replica of the Globe Theater, we watched a scene of the audience applauding a play's cast as it bowed and then froze, as the Bard, coming out to acknowledge the cheers.

We also got to see up close Lisy Christl's elaborate costume creations, especially for Queen Elizabeth, and production designer Sebastian Krawinkel's art ensemble. We talked with the visual effects talents and producers Volker Engel and Marc Weigert who said that their job is easier because Roland "does not have to destroy anything" but they do have to come up with a digitized panoramic view of 16th century London based on paintings.

Family tragedy

Before the interviews with Roland and the cast, they posed for photos on a set of a London neighborhood in Shakespeare's time, complete with Tudor timberhouses, a muddy road and hanging laundry. An elegant and gracious Vanessa Redgrave, striking in her gray suit, stood as photographers clamored loudly for her to pose solo. But the actress demurred with a smile, preferring to join the ensemble, which included her daughter, Joely.

A few days later, Vanessa and Joely suffered yet another family tragedy. Vanessa's sister, actress Lynn Redgrave, succumbed to breast cancer. The family has been coping with one other loss in the last 12 months. Vanessa's daughter, actress Natasha Richardson, who was married to actor Liam Neeson, died in a skiing accident. Corin Redgrave, Vanessa's brother, passed away just a month ago.

(Conclusion tomorrow)

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ON the Berlin set of "Anonymous." (Standing) Director Roland Emmerich (3rd from L) and his leads David Thewlis, Vanessa Redgrave, Joely Richardson and Rhys Ifans.

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EMMERICH: "master of disaster films," is not destroying cities here, as he did in "2012." Instead, he is recreating Elizabethan England in the oldest large-scale studio complex in the world.